

Fort Wainwright – Alaska, USA

Family Issues ♦ Installation ♦ Legal Assistance

The Fort Wainwright Legal Assistance Office provides worldwide support to United States Army Alaska and the Fort Wainwright military community. Its mission is to enhance combat readiness by providing a number of client and preventative law services, during both routine office appointments and pre-deployment processing. The office provides free advice and assistance to eligible clients on personal legal matters. We encourage you to bring leases, agreements, contracts, etc. to the Legal Assistance Office for review BEFORE you sign them. Eligible clients include Soldiers, retirees and their family members (military ID card holders).

The Legal Assistance Office is located at 1562 Gaffney Road, in Building 1562. Appointments with an attorney are necessary, except on Tuesdays, but walk-in services are available at all times for powers of attorney and notary services. Clients may stop by or call to make an appointment. Telephone 907-353-6534 (DSN 317-353-6534) for further information. Hours of operation are Monday - Wednesday and Friday from 0900-1200 and 1300-1630; Thursday from 1300-1630.

The claims office processes all claims for property lost or damaged in shipment or storage. Anyone making a claim should attend the claims briefing held every Tuesday and Thursday at 1300 hours. Otherwise, claims are handled on a walk-in basis. Individuals believing they have other legitimate claims against the government should consult with a Claims Examiner about the incident. For more information regarding claims, telephone 907-353-6558 or 907-353-6155.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Basic advice and services on personal legal matters including:

- Estate issues such as wills, living wills, advance medical directives, powers of attorney and guardianships
- Family matters such as adoption, paternity, divorce, custody, support and visitation
- Consumer issues such as debts, auto repairs, warranties and bankruptcy
- Landlord-Tenant issues
- Real property law such as home purchase or sale
- Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act issues
- Veterans' reemployment rights
- Notarial services
- Military administrative issues such as financial liability investigations and NCOER appeals
- Taxes
- Civilian criminal matters
- Referral to civilian attorneys for complex legal matters

- Informative legal assistance pamphlets are available on a variety of topics in the Legal Assistance Office waiting room

SERVICES NOT PROVIDED

- Defenses to charges brought pursuant to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Contact the Trial Defense Service office at 907-353-6522 (DSN 317-353-6522).
- Private business activities
- Litigation or claims against the United States
- Prepaid-legal-representation cases such as your insurance company defending you in a tort case
- Contingent fee cases
- Standards of conduct issues
- Victim/Witness Assistance Program
- Legal issues or concerns raised on behalf of a person who is ineligible for legal assistance

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Family Issues ♦ Local Community ♦ Legal Assistance

1. Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) is a private, nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance to low-income Alaskans.

ALSC provides legal advice and representation to:

- Help resolve serious legal problems of low-income Alaskans
- Promote family, social and economic stability by upholding the rule of law
- Reduce the legal consequences of poverty

For more than 38 years, ALSC has responded to the civil legal needs of low-income Alaskans who would otherwise go without legal assistance.

ALSC's efforts improve the quality of life for our children, our families, the elderly and disadvantaged, and the community.

Alaska Legal Services Corporation is funded in part by the Legal Services Corporation. As a condition of receiving this funding, Alaska Legal Services Corporation may not use any funds for any activity prohibited by the Legal Services Corporation Act or by Section 504 of Public Law 104-134. To contact ALSC, go to "Contacts."

2. The Alaska Pro Bono Program, Inc. (APBP) is a statewide organization that provides free civil legal services to eligible people. APBP is sponsored by the Alaska Bar Association, funded through an IOLTA grant, and completely operates with volunteer attorneys and other professionals willing to donate their time to represent low-income Alaskans. At this time, APBP will handle, as priority, cases which the Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) is restricted from handling. Persons whose needs are handled by ALSC should contact ALSC directly.

Whether APBP can assist you depends mostly on: (1) whether you are financially eligible, and (2) the kind of legal problem you have. APBP has established a screening process and an intake system through which knowledgeable staff or volunteers determine eligibility, discover potential conflicts of interest, obtain essential facts, identify legal issues, and maintain client confidentiality and client dignity. This conflict check may take up to four days to determine whether the applicant may be served.

To apply for services, send a letter or an email (see "Contacts") that includes: your name, address, telephone number, legal problem, etc. You will then be contacted by a member of the APBP staff to see if you qualify for services.

APBP offers the following services to qualified applicants:

- Free legal clinics/workshops to help individuals represent themselves
- Legal representation or one-time consultations by a pro bono panel attorney

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Contacts and Links for Family Issues – Legal Assistance

Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC)	<p>1648 Cushman, Suite 300 Fairbanks, AK 99701-6202 Map it! http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?country=US&addtohistory=&formtype=address&searchtype=address&cat=&address=1648%20S%20Cushman%20St&city=Fairbanks&state=AK&zipcode=99701%2d6206&searchtab=home Phone: (907) 452-5181 Toll-Free Outside Fairbanks: (800) 478-5401 Fax: (907) 456-6359 URL: http://www.alsc-law.org/ E-mail: fairbanks@alsc-law.org Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) is a private, nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance to low-income Alaskans.</p>
The Alaska Pro Bono Program, Inc. (APBP)	<p>Alaska Pro Bono Program PMB 651 PO Box 140191 Anchorage, AK 99514-0191 Phone: (907) 529-1860 Fax: (907) 565-4317 Email: info@alaskaprobono.org URL: http://www.alaskaprobono.org/ The Alaska Pro Bono Program, Inc. (APBP) is a statewide organization that provides free civil legal services to eligible people. At this time, APBP will only handle the type of cases which the Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) is restricted from handling. Persons whose needs are handled by ALSC should contact them directly. However, APBP policies restrict it from assisting persons who have been denied services by ALSC based on conflict of interest policies.</p>
Alaska Law Help	<p>URL: http://www.alaskaLawHelp.org/ This website has hundreds of free, self-help legal resources on a variety of topics.</p>
Alaska Court System Family Law Self-Help Center	<p>URL: http://www.state.ak.us/courts/selfhelp.htm Telephone Helpline: (907) 264-0851 Toll-Free in Alaska but outside Anchorage: (866) 279-0851 Telephone hours: Monday and Wednesday, 0830-Noon</p>

Tuesday and Thursday, 1330-1630

The Family Law Self-Help Center is a statewide public service provided by the Alaska Court System dedicated to helping self-represented people achieve a better understanding of family law procedures, increasing access to family law courts, and facilitating quicker resolution of family law matters.

The Center currently provides information about Divorce, Dissolution, Custody, Paternity, Child Support, and referral information about Adoption, Change of Name, Emancipation, Grandparent Rights, Legal Separation, and Powers of Attorney & Guardianship.

The services of the Family Law Self-Help Center include primarily its web page and a statewide telephone Helpline, which is staffed by knowledgeable court employees who can provide useful information to help you with your family law case.

Alaska Court System
Forms and Publications

URL: <http://www.state.ak.us/courts/forms.htm>

This website has many forms which self-represented persons can use to handle their own legal matters such as dissolution of marriage, child's change of name, preparing motions and orders, child custody, support or visitation, small claims and protective orders. Each form includes comprehensive instructions on how to fill it out.

Civilian Attorneys

There are numerous civilian attorneys in the Fairbanks area who can provide legal assistance. If you need assistance and the Legal Assistance Office is unable to help, we can refer you to attorneys who can assist you. In the alternative, you may find an attorney in the yellow pages under "Attorneys" and look for the subheading listing those who handle cases in your area of interest.